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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CASE #: PRELIM-DC-2023-0054

CROSS REFERENCE #: N/A

TITLE: Unknown Subject: Threat Against the EPA Administrator

CASE AGENT (if different from prepared): SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

PROACTIVE PROJECT INITIATION

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
TBD	DC	N/A

NARRATIVE:

This preliminary inquiry is being opened to document the referral of a threat voice message against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator. On February 16, 2023, the EPA Office of Inspector General Hotline received a forwarded voice message from EPA Security in which a threat was made against the EPA Administrator.

Attachment(s):

1. Email Correspondence
2. Message

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Cc: Abend, Jason; Earle, Sean; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Subject: Fwd: Threatening Voicemail FW: New Voice Message from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 02/15/2023 9:30 PM
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 11:28:26 AM
Attachments: + (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)-0215-213001-231.mp3

Hi Everyone, we just received the attached hotline containing a threat to kill the administrator.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Headquarters Operations Division
U.S. EPA Office of Inspector General – Office of Investigations
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Washington, DC 20460

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Begin forwarded message:

From: HQSecurity <(b) (7)(C)>
Date: February 16, 2023 at 11:23:49 AM EST
To: OIG Hotline <OIG_Hotline@epa.gov>
Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@epa.gov
Subject: Threatening Voicemail FW: New Voice Message from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 02/15/2023 9:30 PM

GM OIG

Received email (see below), caller threatening kill Administrator. FPS notified also.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

HQ Security Specialist, COR II
OMS/OA/FMSD OMS/Facilities Management and Services Division
Environmental Protection Agency

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 10:49 AM

To: HQSecurity <(b) (7)(C)>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >

Subject: FW: Threatening Voicemail FW: New Voice Message from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 02/15/2023 9:30 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization | U.S. EPA | (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) |

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

EPA Brownfields Program: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 10:41 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >

Subject: Threatening Voicemail FW: New Voice Message from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 02/15/2023 9:30 PM

Recording is attached with associated number.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) | Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization | U.S. EPA | (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) |

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

EPA Brownfields Program: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 9:52 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: FW: New Voice Message from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 02/15/2023 9:30 PM

Thanks,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

LinTech Global, Inc.

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Phone: (b) (7)(C)

Email: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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From: RingCentral <notify@ringcentral.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2023 12:30 AM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >

Subject: New Voice Message from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 02/15/2023 9:30 PM

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Voice Message

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C),

You have a new voice message:

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Received: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 9:30 PM

Length: 00:24

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Listen to this voicemail over your phone or by opening the attached sound file. You can also sign in to your [RingCentral account](#) with your main number, extension number, and password to manage and listen to voicemails.

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CASE #: PRELIM-DC-2023-0054

CROSS REFERENCE #: Hotline 2023-0427

TITLE: Unknown Subject: Threat Against the EPA Administrator

CASE AGENT (if different from prepared):

PRELIMINARY INQUIRY SUMMARY REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Washington, D.C.	N/A

COMPLAINT:

On February 16, 2023, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Mid-Atlantic Field Office, Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received OIG Hotline tip 2023-0427. The tip came from EPA Headquarters (HQ) Security and it was in reference to a voicemail received at EPA HQ that threatened the life of the EPA Administrator.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(E) conducted (b) (7)(E) checks on the phone number which left the voicemail. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was able to identify the individual associated with the phone, (b) (7)(E)

SSA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with points of contact for the investigation.

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) notified the EPA Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training, of the threat investigation.

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conducted EPA Criminal Investigation Division Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that he was no longer on the Administrator's personal security detail, but he provided SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) with the proper contacts.

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made the proper contacts with the personal security detail. They informed SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that they had already been notified of the threat and the information had been passed on to (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(F)

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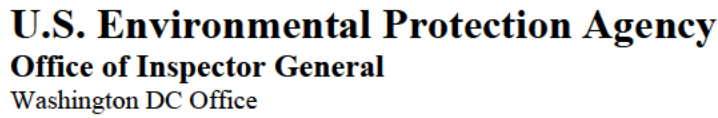
RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the information received from the Administrator's personal security detail there is no further action necessary from the EPA OIG OI. The (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(F) has received all information from the EPA so no referral is required. Therefore, this Preliminary Inquiry will be close at this time.

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CASE TITLE: Unknown Subject: Threat Against the EPA Administrator

OTHER:

"Dear EPA you have the 48hrs to comply to Ohio. Failure to comply, here's what's gonna happen, I will come and kill that nigger ass bitch that is the head of the EPA."

(b) (5), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

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- SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) notified (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics, and Training of the threat investigation. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) responded that he was happy to assist in any way that he can, but he did not have an operational role with the NCAB/PSD.
- SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) notified SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about the threat.
 - o SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) responded he was no longer with protection detail for the Administrator. He added Special Agent in Charge (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SAs (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) were on the detail.
 - o SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) replied that the protection detail had been notified and had passed the information on (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(F) for further investigation.
 - o SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) inquired about the (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(F) contact that it was reported.
 - o SAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) both responded that the information was passed on to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E), (b) (7)(F)

Attachment(s):

1. Voice Mail Recording
2. Email Referral
3. Email Correspondence with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
4. Email Correspondence with EPA Protection Detail
5. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) LinkedIn Profile